

# CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## ADDENDUM #1

### INVITATION FOR BID #13-107

### GRASS CUTTING & TRIMMING, REMOVAL OF LEAVES, MULCHING & PRUNING OF SHRUBS (38 SITES)

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: **Answer the following Questions from the Pre-Bid Meeting:**

Q1. There used to be 37 sites, now there are 38. Why?

**A1. The City tried to combine or group sites that would logically be mowed as a single unit.**

Q2. What changes are made in the current IFB as compared to prior IFBs?

**Q2. The only changes to the Grass Cutting and Trimming contract are the additional requirements of a 5% bid deposit to be provided with the bid and a 50% performance bond to be provided on execution of the contract.**

Q3. Can the City refuse to accept bids from contractors that did not honor earlier contracts?

**A3. No. The procurement laws have no provisions for barring a vendor from submitting a bid. However, the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. "Responsible" is defined as having "the capability to perform fully the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which assures good faith performance."**

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON YOUR BID FORM.**

Thank you.



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